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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP: BRIEFING MATERIALS FOR

MRS. CARTER

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PARTICIPANTS IN MENTAL HEALTH ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

DOCTOR NICOLAS STOUPEL (SEE REFTEL B) WILL SERVE AS
MODERATOR AND INTRODUCE THE DISCUSSANTS:

FIRST SPEAKER: DR. RENEE PORTRAY-KIRSCHEN (SEE REFTEL B)
WILL GIVE A FIVE MINUTE GENERAL INTRODUCTION OF THE EVOLU-
TION OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN BELGIUM IN THE LAST TWENTY
YEARS.

SECOND SPEAKER: MRS. WIVINA DE MEESTER-DE MEYER (SEE
REFTEL B) WILL OUTLINE THE TREND FROM INSTITUTIONAL TO
COMMUNITY CARE IN BELGIUM.

THIRD SPEAKER: DR. HERMAN MATHEUSSEN (SEE REFTEL B) WILL
EXPLAIN HOW THE FAMILY CARE PROGRAM OF GEEL WORKS IN THE
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TREATMENT OF THE MENTALLY ILL.

FOURTH SPEAKER: MR. JAN DE WACHTER (SEE REFTEL B) WILL
SPEAK OF HIS EXPERIENCES IN THE ACTUAL DAY-TO-DAY TREATMENT
OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED LIVING IN SMALL "HOMES" AND WORKING
IN "SHELTERED WORKSHOPS."

FIFTH SPEAKER: MRS. ANNE BELPAIRE-SAVERY (PRONOUNCE: BELL PAIR-SAVVERY) WAS INVITED BY THE QUEEN TO BE ONE OF THE DISCUSSANTS. SHE IS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER IN THIS FIELD AND IS A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR AID TO MENTALLY HANDICAPPED. SHE WILL DISCUSS THE PARTICIPATION OF PARENTS OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN CARE AND TREATMENT.

NOTE: THIS LIST IS STILL TENTATIVE, IN THAT ONE OR TWO MORE NAMES MAY BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF DISCUSSANTS.

ALSO PRESENT AT ROUND TABLE BUT NOT CONTRIBUTING TO THE DISCUSSION WILL BE: MISS DELAET (SEE REFTEL B) AND MRS. WILKIN (SEE REFTEL B) AND DR. MARIA LELIA BOUTE, PEDIATRICIAN AT THE CEREBRAL PALSY INSTITUTE.

ALL THE DISCUSSANTS SPEAK ADEQUATE ENGLISH BUT A TRILINGUAL--FRENCH, DUTCH, ENGLISH INTERPRETER WILL BE PRESENT FOR OCCASIONAL HELP IF NEEDED.

MRS. CARTER MAY WISH TO:

-- THANK DR. STOUPEL AND MISS DELAET FOR THE INTERESTING TOUR OF THE INSTITUTE;

-- THANK MRS. PORTRAY FOR ADMIRABLY SETTING OUT DEVELOPMENTS IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN BELGIUM;
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-- INQUIRE OF DR. MATHEUSSEN WHETHER THE RELATIONSHIP THAT GROWS UP BETWEEN BOARDER AND FOSTER FAMILY EVER PRESENTS PROBLEMS WHEN AND IF THE BOARDER IS READY TO LEAVE GEEL AND RETURN TO HIS OWN FAMILY.

-- ASK JAN DE WACHTER IF HE THINKS THERE IS AN OPTIMAL SIZE FOR A "HOME" FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED;

-- COMMENT ON THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN CARING FOR THE MENTALLY ILL IN THE U.S., PERHAPS WITH REFERENCE TO REMARKS MADE BY MRS. DE MEESTER OR MRS. BELPAIRE.

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